



Delta State University

Office of the President

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The Honorable Tom Coburn
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management
ATTN: Anna Shopen
439 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

In response to your request for information on federal appropriations to Delta State University, I have listed below your questions and our response to each.

1. Please provide a list of all appropriations received by your institution from the year 2000 to present, and the amount of assistance received.

The breadth of this question makes it difficult to answer. As a public institution, a significant part of Delta State University's budget comes from state appropriated monies. The university benefits to a lesser extent from federally funded programs.

2. Please provide a summary of the specific objectives or goals set to be achieved by any entity, program, project or service associated with an appropriation at your institution, and, for each appropriation, a list of accomplishments that can be attributed to the project, entity, program or service (e.g. published peer-reviewed research, etc., depending on the nature of the earmarks your institution has received).

Each program that Delta State University undertakes is built around a specific set of goals and measurable management objectives. In many cases, these are developed in conjunction with community and organization partners.

3. How does your institution set a measure for standards to achieve quality and outcomes for entities, programs, projects or services receiving assistance through earmarks or appropriations?

Delta State University has a thorough system of assessment. We were recently reviewed by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with special attention to our assessment efforts. Each department prepares annual goals and reports on goal attainment.

4. Does your institution have a stated policy regarding Congressional earmarks or appropriations (if so, please describe)? Does your institution have a policy regarding partnering in research projects with other universities who may have a differing policy?

No.

5. Has your institution considered hiring a lobbyist to assist your institution in attaining familiarity with the opportunities that may exist to obtain Federal funds for research – such as the earmarking process?

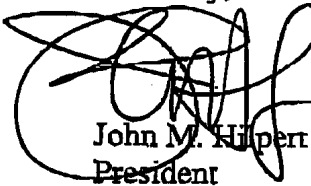
We have discussed this issue but reached no decision.

6. In conclusion, do you find Congressionally earmarked funds to have contributed in a substantive way to your academic institution?

Yes.

Thank you for your interest in Delta State University and higher education.

Sincerely, .



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President